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Bus shelters in shambles

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EMPTY ROADS

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Flyover plan to ease traffic congestion along access roads near new rail terminal stuck in financial crunch

TERMINAL STILLNESS

Elevated rotary flyover to cost Rs 250 crore

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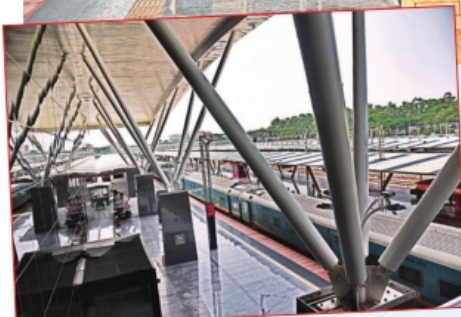
With the opening of the Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal in Baiyappanahalli, traffic congestion has been a never-ending problem for the residents in the vicinity of the railway station.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) proposal to build an elevated rotary overpass has not made any progress so far. The civic body is yet to secure funds for the project.

The brand new Sir MV Terminal touted to be on par with airports has been a cause for worry for residents from the start. With narrow access roads leading to the terminal, residents feared that the place would become a bottleneck, especially with an increased number of trains being operated.

To ease the nightmare of traffic congestion for the residents, the BBMP floated a proposal to build the elevated rotary flyover at the cost of Rs 250 crore. But the civic body has now hit the wall as it is yet to figure out how to finance the project.

"We have submitted the proposal
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"I have stopped travelling by the stretch owing to traffic congestions and have shifted to travelling by Metro"

— Bobby, resident, OMBR Layout

A work space dilemma

How haphazard parking of vehicles is affecting ongoing footpath development in Kumara Park West



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Generally, shortage of funds, negligence of the contractor in question or Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) engineers are the reasons for delay in completing most of the ongoing developmental works across the city.

Now, haphazard parking of vehicles along the Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, has turned out to be a main hurdle to development of footpaths.

With no machinery in place to regulate parking of vehicles on the Railway Parallel Road, it has become a destination to park vehicles on either side of the road thus making it difficult for the workers to complete the work on time.

They complained that it has become tough for them to clear debris and mud from the footpath due to the haphazard parking of vehicles.

"With most of the space on either side of the road occupied by vehicles, there is hardly any space to park a tractor and load debris into it. We can't park the tractor in the middle of the road as it would cause a traffic jam," said a supervisor engaged by the contractor.

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3 THINGS TO DO



01 All things living

Blr Creative Circus presents "All Living Things" - an environmental film festival. It's a curated set of compelling films that showcase the beauty of our planet, create awareness on critical issues and inspire audiences to envision alternative futures. Apart from watching a stunning collection of long-form and short films, you also get to interact with some amazing directors on a Q&A session with Rajani Mani, Vivek Sangwan and Nirupa Roy and attend a workshop on Biomimicry by Prashant Dhawan and Seema Anand of Biomimicry India. **Where:** Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeswanthpur Industrial Suburb **When:** November 20, 11:00 am to 8:00 pm **Tickets:** shorturl.at/cemvF; Contact: 9611854141



02 Festival of ghee

A unique awareness campaign to spread awareness and educate people on health benefits of ghee is being organised this weekend. Ghee Food Specialist CA Divya Raghavendra Rao will speak on the benefits of ghee and bust many myths surrounding it. **Where:** The Rameshwaram Café, Brookfield **When:** November 12, 10 am to 5 pm.

03 Chocolate 101

If you want to dig into some of India's most remarkable craft chocolate and also learn more about the journey



of cacao from being a humble bean to a gourmet dessert, then 'The Indian Cacao & Craft Chocolate Festival' is just for you. A collective project of the craft chocolate community, you will witness some of the finest craft chocolate makers, cacao farmers, industry professionals, chocolatiers and enthusiasts all under one roof over two days. **Where:** Bangalore International Centre **When:** Nov 12 - 13, 11.00 am - 7.00 pm **Tickets:** insider.in

At Central Prison, medical facilities are on the way

Parappana Agrahara's inmates can now avail of various health schemes

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Inmates in Central Prison at Parappana Agrahara can now avail of medical facilities under various health schemes, according to Randeep D, Karnataka State Health and Family Welfare Commissioner.

Randeep visited the Central Prison on Thursday to inspect the medical facilities available for the prisoners and prepare a plan to redress health-related grievances of prisoners.

The Home Department has started the process of transferring all prison hospitals to the State Health Department as per the State Human Rights Commission's direction.

"Our objective is to make all medical facilities available to the inmates of Central Prison. The medical facilities at all prisons will be improved and upgraded. We are also taking measures to provide Arogya Bhagya cards to enable them to avail medical facilities," said Randeep.

Randeep added that there are many health schemes under the state government and central government. "All programme officers handling major national and state health schemes will visit the hospital this month and plan for regular screening activities and extension of health services to prison inmates from December 2022 onwards," he said.

During the visit, a decision



State Health and Family Welfare Commissioner Randeep D inspects the kitchen at the prison

was taken to procure medicines from Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited, Jan Aushadi Kendras or opt for a local purchase. It was also decided to rope in specialist doctors from the Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education departments.

"Medicine, surgery, orthopaedics, ophthalmology, gynaecology, paediatrics and others will be deployed weekly once to provide specialist care to the needy prisoners. This will mitigate the need for escorts/transport services to take them to hospitals outside. Measures will be taken to enhance the casualty block with

equipment and staff to handle all major emergencies," explained Randeep.

After the prison hospital staff informed about the shortage of male nurses, additional male staff nurses (at least eight nurses) will be provided at the hospital.

Randeep said that the male nurses would be required to screen the people who are sentenced to imprisonment before keeping them in barracks. There would also be measures taken to activate telemedicine, tele radiology, tele consultation services.

A team led by the Chief Engineer is expected to visit and suggest to the prisons department

the infrastructure repairs/modifications to the existing hospital and to build a new hospital in the upcoming area adjacent to the prison block.

According to Health and Family Welfare Deputy Director (Mental Health) Dr P Rajani, measures are being taken to extend specific health services to women prisoners and their children, including timely immunisation. "Recently, arrangements were made to admit a pregnant woman to Vani Vilas Women and Children's Hospital. The woman gave birth to a child. Now, both are healthy," said Dr Rajani.

Solar EV art installation, in heart of Bengaluru

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An interactive solar-powered electric vehicle art installation will make its debut at Church Street this weekend. This has been designed as an interactive and engaging experience for the people to touch and experience an EV in real time.

The installation is made out of waste materials, keeping it eco-friendly to encourage people to go green.

The three-wheeler EV will be put up on Saturday and Sunday and will be made out of upcycled material where scrapped metals will be used to make the EV and the batteries procured from an old e-vehicle. The entire installation will run on a solar panel.

The installation has been created as a part of #EVmyDelivery, an initiative under Bengaluru Moving, to promote and enable the city's transition towards sustainable modes of transportation. And has been built in collab-



oration with the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) and Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation (BMRC). Together with Autoguru and Bengaluru Design Week, the event seeks to bring diverse stakeholders from au-

tomotive industry, e-commerce, start-ups and design studios to raise awareness about an eco-friendly last mile commute.

Navdha Malhotra, Campaigner with Bengaluru Moving said, "Research highlights that India will have 500 million online shoppers by 2030. The young Indian millennial is conscious about their consumption habits and choices. Through this installation and other initiatives, we want to leverage this consumer appetite to convert brands and companies net-zero and sustainability intentions into real action."

Commissioner of DULT showed support to the initiative and said, "We are very pleased to be supporting #EVmyDelivery initiative and this interactive installation that is raising awareness about last mile emissions resulting from the e-commerce deliveries and the transition to electric 2- and 3-wheel fleets to eliminate the release of tailpipe emission."

Mumbai-based artists Radhika and Madhvi of Workshop Q and Bangalore-based artist Rahul KP created the solar-powered EV.



Foggy Friday

A cold ride in Bengaluru on Friday. The city was under a cloud causing a sharp dip in temperature powered by powdery rain through the day

Yet another pothole mishap; anyone at BBMP bothered?

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Citizens using Old Madras Road are scared to commute through it because of an accident that took place there on Friday morning. They say that potholes on the road have made it extremely dangerous for people.

Opposite Adarsha theatre, a man fell off his scooter after the vehicle got stuck in a pothole. Rohith Kumar, a commuter who witnessed the incident, said, "While going through this road, his vehicle got into a pothole, and he fell along with his wife and kid. It happened close to 6 am. They suffered injuries, and the man kept on sitting on the road until 9:30 am in protest. Later, police made him leave. This road has become quite dangerous, and soon, a life-threatening incident may also take place."

Commuters pointed out that the road has been filled with a number of potholes for quite a long time. Ravinandan S, another commuter, said, "The road's condition has been deplorable for so long. I don't know what the authorities are waiting for. Very soon someone will fall because of these potholes and lose their life - all because of the negligence of authorities."

Harish Raj, another commuter, told Bangalore Mirror that people should be very cautious while going through this road. Even the slightest of carelessness would mean skidding on the road because of the potholes, he said, adding that Friday's accident should be an eye-opener for



authorities and they should immediately start fixing the roads.

Citizens reported that the incident instilled fear within them. Maruti M, also a commuter, said, "There have been many times when my bike also fell into a pothole. However, only because I was

riding at a slow speed and was able to regain my balance on time, I did not fall and suffer from any injuries."

Despite several complaints, no action has been taken by the authorities to fix the road, people in the area informed. Sudhir Nayak, one of them, said, "A lot of complaints have been made by the commuters who use this road as well as by people who live nearby. However, nothing has helped. No action was taken by any authority. The roads are still just as bad."

A BBMP official said that they are looking into the matter and will start work soon.

Sexual assault case: PE teacher in dock

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A 54-year-old government school teacher has been sent to judicial custody for allegedly sexually assaulting his students. The case has been registered at Hebbal police station.

Anjanappa, who taught physical education (PE) at a government school in Hebbal, has been named as the accused in the case.

He was arrested under sections 12 and 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. He has also been booked under section 354 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

According to the police,

the accused had sexually assaulted around 15 students. The incident came to light after a few students complained about the teacher's action to their parents.

"The students claim that the PE teacher used to touch them inappropriately. Some have also accused him of kissing them during the PE class," said a police official.

Following the allegations by the students, the headmaster of the school set up an internal inquiry into the matter. When the accusations were found to be true, the headmaster filed a police complaint.

"The PE teacher was assaulting these girls for the past three months or so. When several students complained to the principal, he set up an enquiry. After the

headmaster filed a complaint with the police, we were searching for the teacher. We are still investigating the case and will be taking the victims statements and gathering evidence," said a police official.

Minors detained over cricket match

Police have detained four minors in Chikkamagaluru on account of celebrating victory of Pakistan in cricket's Twenty20 World Cup, police said on Friday.

According to police, the accused had shouted pro-Pakistan slogans. The incident had taken place at NR. Pura near Balehonnur on November 9. The boys allegedly come out in celebration after Pakistan beat New Zealand.

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Bus stands? Hardly

Commuters across Bengaluru complain about bus stops in shambles; they say there are no proper seating arrangements in most facilities, shelters often have holes all over

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Commuters in the city complain that bus stands do not have proper shelters. They also point out that they are not well maintained either.

They reported that in some bus stands, the shelters are shabby and torn, and some have even fallen off due to prolonged negligence.

Siddharth K, a student residing in Sultanpalya and a regular bus user, said, "I often use the Sultanpalya bus stand. There have been many times when I had to wait there for the bus. I realised that there is no proper stand. The shelter is filled with garbage, and if it rains or if the sun is too bright, people have no way of protecting themselves. We usually wait on the roadside for the bus."

Monish S, another student who regularly uses the bus, said, "Once, it was raining heavily, and I was waiting for the bus at the Sultanpalya bus stop. There was no place where I could stand to not get wet as the shelter was full of garbage. I got wet, and by the end of the day, I caught a cold."

Commuters who use the Ramohalli bus stop complained about similar issues. Shalini Jha, a freelancer, said, "The bus stand here has no proper place for us to sit and wait for the bus. There are wooden chairs, but they have started to crack. Even the shelter in the bus stand has so many holes because it has not



Citizens protecting themselves from the rain with cloth and cardboard boxes at a dilapidated bus stand in the city



"I often use the Sultanpalya bus stand. There have been many times when I had to wait there for the bus. There is no proper stand. It is filled with garbage" — Siddharth K, student

reported. Kavitha Ashok, working in a bank, said, "Despite this place being a busy area and so many people waiting to catch a bus, there is no shelter under which we can stand. It does not matter if it is raining or the weather is extremely hot, one has no option but to wait on the road."

Smriti K, a physiotherapist, told BM that the Deepak factory bus stop in Nagasandra is also worn out. The

chairs meant for sitting are bent, and the shelter covering the bus stop has become shabby and tattered — like it could fall any day, she said.

A BBMP official from the Traffic Engineering Cell, said that they would be looking at all the bus stands and start working on them.

"We will work on the bus stops that do not have a proper shelter," they said.

Hurdle race through Janatha Colony

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Residents staying in Janatha Colony, Carmelaram Road are upset over the existing condition of their area. They say that the pothole-ridden stretch has made commuting extremely inconvenient for them.

The condition of the road reportedly turned poor because of the shifting of a GAIL pipeline. Commuters and residents said that they have been facing this misery for a long time.

Ashish K, a resident of the area, said, "It is very difficult to even go out of the house with our vehicles because there is no stretch of road that is in a good condition. The entire stretch is filled with so many potholes."

Residents said that they have raised a number of complaints, but the road has still not been fixed. Sandeep Gowda, another resident, said, "The road is completely unmotorable. There is no place to walk or take our vehicles out. If the condition remains the same, then soon some accident is bound to happen. Immediate action is required to make the road motorable to ensure smooth travel for everyone. We have made a lot of complaints, but no one has taken any action."

Locals have also said that they are not using their vehicles and are resorting to hailing cabs and



Autos wading through water-filled potholes on the roads in Janatha Colony

autos because of the potholes.

Simran Kaur, one of the affected locals, said, "The potholes are so deep that I am scared to take my scooter on these roads. I have started to book autos and cabs online. The problem with that is

"The potholes are so deep that I am scared to take my scooter on these roads. I have started to book cabs and autos online" — Simran Kaur, resident

the exorbitant prices of autos. Moreover, I am not able to use my own vehicle in my own colony. This is an unnecessary waste of my money."

There are several school students who use this road, and for them, this stretch is quite dangerous, people in the area told Bangalore Mirror.

Shivam Kumar, one of them, said, "My daughter goes to school and has to go through this road every day. It is quite risky for her. Kids might get injured or any accident may take place because of the deplorable condition of this place. Even for adults, this road is not safe."

Rashika Agarwal, also a resident, said, "I nearly escaped a bad fall while commuting through this road. The wheel of my scooter had fallen into a pothole and I somehow stopped it from falling over my legs. However, I did get some injuries on my left leg."

A BBMP official said that they would send someone to start work in the area.

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Hebbal



The road below the Hebbal Flyover (towards the airport) near the Kodigehalli traffic signal has a BJP flex board that is about to topple onto the traffic below.

Fix the footpath

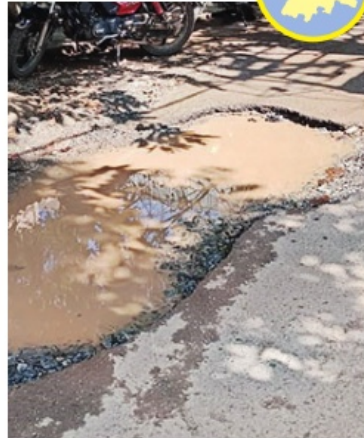
JP Nagar



Next to Innisfree School in JP Nagar, the footpath is in a horrible condition.

Big craters

Kodigehalli



There are big potholes in 7th Main, Tatanagar, Kodigehalli for over a year.

Day when commuters waited for a ride

Public transport vehicles and staffers reserved for PM Modi's visit; passengers worst hit



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Infrequent services, overcrowded vehicles, and long waiting hours were some of the challenges that many commuters on Friday met with as public transport services were hit due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bengaluru.

The services of Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation were affected as more than one-third of its workforce was reserved for the Prime Minister's visit.

"Firstly, it was a government holiday so it was established that the services will be affected as there will be lesser staff. Adding to that, almost 2,000 buses were reserved on a contract basis for ferrying the convoys owing to the Prime Minister's visit and thus there was a shortage of public vehicles. Also, the bus services from Majestic Bus Terminus were suspended from 10 am to noon as per the traffic advisory," BMTC Director (IT), AV Surya Sen explained.

Currently, BMTC has around 5,600 operational buses in its fleet.

Most passengers were unaware of the lesser number of vehicles running on the road and were stranded for hours at bus stands waiting for buses.

"Today there was a complete collapse of public transport services in the city. The buses were overcrowded because there 2,000-odd buses were off the roads; none of the buses that were plying were going to the CBD area due to traffic restrictions. The public wasn't made aware of the situation beforehand and at the site also, there was no one from the BMTC to guide the commuters about the curtailment of services," said Sai Prasad, a regular BMTC commuter.

"In the morning around 9:30, hundreds of people were waiting at Hope Farm bus stop but there were either no buses or the ones passing by were not stopping," he added.

The commuters complained that the authorities did not notify them about the services being infrequent beforehand. However, AV Surya Sen, BMTC Director (IT), told Bangalore Mirror that since the traffic police had already issued traffic advisories to the public regarding the Prime Minister's visit, BMTC did not need to do the same.

Since many of the commuters moved to the metro to avoid traffic congestion and due to the lack of bus services, metro trains were also more crowded than usual.

Siddharth Srinivasan, another commuter,



The Hebbal flyover closed off for PM Narendra Modi's visit; (inset) Potholes and craters must be repaired, say activists

Buses were overcrowded because 2,000-odd buses were off the roads; none of the buses that were plying were going to the CBD area

—Sai Prasad, a commuter

said, "Being a holiday, it was a pretty bad situation. The purple line was very crowded. So, I skipped a train thinking the next would arrive in 4-5 minutes. But the next train arrived after 7 minutes even during the peak hours."

The roads were also blocked because of VIP movement in the city, adding to the commuters' misery.

"When I got off at Vidhana Soudha, the road was also blocked and no buses or autos were available there so I had to walk all the way to Cunningham Road and take a bus from there. Also because of the traffic diversions, the road near Cubbon Park metro as well as Cunningham Road was also jammed," Srinivasan informed.

Not only the services of BMRCL and BMTC but the shuttle services from the halt station near Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) to the airport were also suspended without any prior notice, and the commuters were informed. However, the railway authorities arranged cabs for the commuters who were waiting at the station.

PM in town: Page 12 >>

'B'luru needs mobility master plan'

With Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting Bengaluru, civic activists are demanding a dedicated master plan to decongest some of the city's important junctions.

In a series of tweets, Srinivas Alavilli of Janaagraha on Friday said that a lot of people were asking the PM to take the Hebbal challenge while he travels to the Bengaluru airport. He explained how Hebbal had turned out to be one of the biggest traffic nightmares in the city.

According to him, Hebbal has replaced Central Silk Board junction as the worst traffic congestion point in Bengaluru post pandemic. "How did this happen? No matter where you live in Bengaluru, Sarjapur Road or Jayanagar, you have to go through Hebbal to get there. That's just a bad design."

He added, "The single biggest reason for

the traffic mess at Hebbal is due to lack of a master plan; particularly a mobility master plan. Transport is regional and needs central planning unlike say waste management. The Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority (BMLTA) has been pending for decades while Terminal Two of the airport is ready to go live."

Civic expert Sanjeev Dyamannanavar said that there was a need to adopt multi-pronged strategies to decongest the Hebbal flyover. "Though a few improvements were made earlier, it seems that things are back to square one. The road beneath the flyover needs to be maintained properly as it has potholes and an uneven surface along with poor lighting and no proper space for pedestrians. BMTC should ensure that buses are parked properly."

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Bridging gap between Hesaraghatta Road, ORR

This will be one of the major infrastructure projects coming up in the area

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is busy constructing a flyover at HMT Road junction. This flyover will help motorists to use the pipeline road as a link road from Hesaraghatta Road to Nelamangala highway and Outer Ring Road (ORR). Currently, commuters from Hesaraghatta have to reach the Nelamangala Road via the Eighth mile junction.

A BBMP official said, "We are doing our ground work. Currently, the pipeline road and HMT Road junction witnesses massive jams during peak hours. There are no traffic signals, but the authorities need to deploy three or four cops to manage traffic. Once



the flyover is completed, it will help the pipeline road users to bypass this junction. Hence, we expect the road to get decongested. The flyover will be a great boon to the residents of Hesaraghatta Road as they can avoid the eighth mile junction."

Infrastructure is a very important criteria for property

buyers. For people planning to invest in properties in and around Hesaraghatta, there are a number of big-ticket infrastructure projects. Properties in this area offer excellent basic amenities including good road connectivity, water, and electricity connection. Hesaraghatta Road is well connected with Nelamangala, Yelahanka,

Bengaluru city, and Doddaballapur. Buying a property will help people reach any of these destinations easily. A proposed road via Rajanakunte will be an easier option to reach the airport from here as well.

Many buyers are planning to grab their dream houses at this location. Greenery is another big attraction. Every

weekend, people travel to many places in and around Hesaraghatta for its green cover. "This is the reason why people want to move out of CBD areas. Many places in the CBD area don't offer scope for expansion, but Hesaraghatta is the place offering everything," said a property developer.

Hesaraghatta Road is closely connected to a number of industries, and every day, hundreds travel from this area to the Peenya industrial area for work. There seems to be a revival of industrial production, which will further aid growth

Vivek Rathi, Director-Research, Knight Frank India, said, "A revival of 3.1 per cent in Industrial production growth is a strong indication of improving output and demand

conditions in the economy. The boost to industrial production in September is coming from a significant growth in capital and infrastructure output. However, revival in manufacturing output is moderate and is yet to show significant recovery. Going forward, strong manufacturing sector performance as witnessed in expansionary manufacturing PMI and improving capacity utilisation provides more impetus to the manufacturing output which would boost industrial production. Also, cues from post Deepavali season sales, sustenance of manufactured products, and RBI action in December on credit flow and interest rates will hold the key for industrial production."

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Neighbourhood where no cab dares to enter

Medarahalli's roads have been broken for two years now; residents, commuters complain that it needs immediate attention

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For two years, residents of Medarahalli have been suffering due to the unpaved, broken roads in the locality. This year, the roads became unmotorable to the point when even cabs and autos refused to enter the neighbourhood.

The residents said that the road in the area was dug up two years ago for laying down the Cauvery pipeline. However, after laying down the pipes, the road was left unpaved. Ramesh K, a resident of the area, said, "The last time the road was paved was six years ago. However, two years ago, they dug up the road again to lay down the Cauvery pipeline. But after that, they did not make any effort to pave the road again."

The residents have said that during rains, the road becomes unmotorable. Sangeetha Agarwal, another resident of the area, said that whenever it rains, the road cannot be used for commuting at all. It gets completely muddy and slippery."

The residents have also pointed out that there are a lot of homes in the locality, and everyone is suffering because of the poor conditions of the road. TK Karthikeya, one such resident, said, "I have always seen this road in a poor condition. No action was ever taken

The residents claim that authorities had dug up the road to lay Cauvery pipelines, but failed to fix the road later



In Medarahalli, roads are perpetually muddy and pedestrians, commuters at risk of suffering accidents

by any authorities to fix this road."

The residents have also complained that because of the poor road condition, cabs and autos refuse to enter the area. Kumar S, another resident, said that there have been so many times that he had booked an auto or a cab online, but they refused to enter the locality and would only wait somewhere away."

"There have been two instances where I was late to my office because my bike has gotten stuck into the muddy road. A lot of people here cannot even take their vehicles on the road because of the mud. For people who are using their vehicles to commute, this road is very dangerous," Arjun Kumar, a daily commuter said.

A BBMP official said, "We will look into the area and take the necessary steps to solve the issue and help the people."

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I want the basic amenities to be provided to all the people. Good infrastructure, proper roads.



Harish Kumar, Student

I think the government should start paying attention to the needs of the pedestrians. They should fix the footpaths and cycle tracks and really make it a safe space for people.



Vaishak Manoj, IT Professional

The most important thing that the government should now look into is better roads and pothole-free roads. Many accidents have happened and now the government should be really serious about it.



Sankha Mishra, Freelance Photographer

I really hope that the problem of waterlogging is looked into. Every time it rains, water accumulates on the roads and even inside houses. It should be stopped.



Aindrila Ghosh, Student

I really want the government to look into last-mile connectivity. All the buses do not provide that and the autos are too expensive, even now.



Ashrrith Karunaakar, Student

The infrastructure of Bengaluru is in shambles, authorities must focus on the infrastructure and promoting public transport to decongest the city.

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Need to think out of the box to stop chop

As fate of 4,713 trees lies in hands of Tree Expert panel, experts call for public consultation, finding alternate solutions to prevent axing

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As many as 13 applications of tree cutting involving 4,713 trees at various locations in the city are pending before the High Court-appointed Tree Expert Committee (TEC). These applications, in form of public notices, have been put up by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for various projects such as suburban rail, stormwater drain widening and construction, railway line construction, college building construction and redevelopment work over the last couple of months.

The applications have been filed by various agencies and organisations like BBMP, South Western Railways, HAL, K-RIDE and a government college.

Experts say that with such a high number of trees being examined and enumerated for felling, TEC's role is crucial at this stage.

According to Akshay Heblikar, Biodiversity Management Committee member and founder of ECO Watch, TEC must mend its ways and look at alternate solutions for these projects, instead of allowing indiscriminate assault of green cover. "The committee must

A digital repository of the compensatory plantation must be in public domain

—Vijay Nishant, activist



Bengaluru's tree-lined roads are its pride and glory

adopt a scientific approach. Sometimes these development projects are inevitable; but not always. For instance, the steel flyover proposed by BBMP earlier was avoidable by considering an alternate traffic regulatory system. The committee must come up with such ideas to be tested on a trial basis. Instead of felling thousands of trees, we can work out a way around the existing infrastructure. TEC must collaborate with urban development and mobility experts before delivering the verdict," said Heblikar.

Experts say TEC should conduct public consultation sessions for every notice seeking nod to cut more than a certain number of trees. The committee must also play an active role in ensuring that a digital record of compensatory plantation is available in the public domain for every tree felled.

"There should be a public consultation. There has to be some kind of a plan, wherein compensatory plantation must happen

before trees are chopped up. There should be a mechanism for the public to understand how and where the green cover is increasing, compensating for the areas that are being stripped. A digital repository of the compensatory plantation should be available in the public domain," said Vijay Nishant, founder, Project Vruksha Foundation.

Experts also opine that TEC should not consider public notices regarding road widening projects. "Many public notices have been issued in a comparatively short period. Also, I am aware that in case of some objections filed by the citizens, the TEC will need an explanation. So, public consultation should be conducted. Projects such as road widening will soon become pointless looking at the public transport infra. Road traffic is bound to improve over the next few years," said Dattatreya Devare, trustee of Bangalore Environment Trust.

Wanted: Doctors for Namma Clinics

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The state government decided to set up the Namma Clinics across Karnataka to serve healthcare needs of those below poverty line and others. The project was declared in the state budget, but has now hit a stumbling block as it is unable to find the required number of doctors on contract basis.

The health and family welfare (HFW) department plans to set up 438 Namma Clinics in the state, of which 243 will be in Bengaluru. Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar had initially said that the clinics would be functional by October-end, but now he has announced that the clinics will start functioning by December. The HFW is hopeful to have the Namma Clinics started by December first week, doctors are

yet to be found.

According to Dr Arundhati Chandrasekhar, Director of National Health Mission (GoK) around 200-plus doctors have been recruited and there is a shortage of another 200 doctors. "The doctors will be hired on contract basis. We have not been getting doctors. Each clinic will have one doctor, one nurse, a lab technician and a group D staff. While we have the nurses, lab technician and group D staff, there is a shortage of doctors. We are trying to reach out to the rural sector doctors who have completed their MBBS, where they have to serve one year under rural service to come and join the Namma Clinics. We are hopeful to

Bengaluru needs 43 more applicants for post of doctors at Namma Clinics

have all of them recruited and for the clinics to become functional by December first week," said Dr Arundhati.

In Bengaluru, there are 205 applicants to the post of doctor for Namma Clinics, while 43 more are needed. "In Bengaluru, all the components of the clinic will be ready by November 19. The equipment required will be installed by November-end. Once we get the doctors, the clinics will be functional," said Dr Thrilok Chandra, Commissioner of Health (BBMP).

Asked about the delay, Dr Arundhati said, "We couldn't get the buildings. We had to speak to the owners and sign MoUs to acquire them. We have also been thinking of increasing the salaries of the doctors. Getting doctors is also a problem. Currently the doctors' salary at Namma Clinics is Rs 37,000 per month. After a year, we will raise it."



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Social media abyss

Invading armies often destroy symbols, motifs, monuments and other cultural markers of civilisations raided, so that there is not the slightest chance of reprise of the fallen civilisation or rebellion from troops defeated. The effort is to wipe out the history of a people soon after and propagate foreign ways. But more often than not, remnants of the past linger however much deliberate the attempt may be to paint over — propaganda falls apart nonetheless to reveal what lay beneath like layers of an onion, even after plunder by the fiercest of marauders.

Likewise, it has been the collective effort of social media giants, for almost two decades now, to overlook the sociocultural and technological achievements and advancements in varied geography, up until their arrival, and pretend that anything from here on shall primarily fall under the umbrella of their purview, or rather perish trying.

This is wishful thinking just like the irreverence of invaders to the sensibilities of unfamiliar cultures.

So, what happens in case of a mutiny within invading hordes. The scenario is akin to what has occurred to social media now in such a diminutive timeline of contemporary sociocultural history, let alone the evolution of tech hijacked by its stranglehold. Two decades of financial and intellectual capital spent on social media — was it worth it or was it an overkill of an echo chamber in retrospect?

If the aforesaid is indeed the case, society was hugely setback by the whims of certain wayward post-war American youths, before them handing the reins of this so-called tech innovation over to the highest bidder or governments wanting to control the narrative.

Now that thousands are emerging out of the social media echo chamber and touching real grass, amid occasional revelations by whistleblowers of criminal activity by these networks in their utter disregard for human life, not to mention hostile takeovers and mass layoffs that are underway, what are we to glean?

There shan't be an iota of doubt that the future looks bleak for social media, if one can still call the whole virtual cacophony social media. Even after platforms tweak their game and name it Metaverse or worse, their blinkered vision for the future has no democratic heft left whatsoever as envisaged by some who built them, in the case of Twitter at least.

The economic vacuum left by these firms in such a short span is humungous. Just as these so-called international companies undervalued organic human connections in the global south pitting human against human at the behest of diabolic state actors as revealed by certain former employees/whistle-



blowers themselves, they were also depleting the traditional way of doing business in the meantime in these parts, gobbling up everything that had a certain charm or originality as it were — tech is not just social media you see, then or now and shall never be.

We did have so many other social innovations, of the technological kind included, before the advent of the fake socialising online. What social media did in its greed that knew no bounds was to defame anything that showed promise of being technologically superior or pioneering and perhaps could lift millions out of penury in the emerging world. Instead it slapped unaffordable handheld mobile devices and data on folks who did not even know where their next meal would come from in the name of empowerment.

Firms that cannot sustain their own employees even for a decade in their own turf, as revealed now in the imminent fall of Facebook and Twitter, how can they even think of tackling social injustice and the slide of democracy? Surely the world did fall for the gobbledygook and got carried away for almost two decades — while generations were forced to forego their traditional or ancestral trade to adapt. What a travesty!

The economic blackhole that we are staring at the moment notwithstanding, the past two decades saw a gradual erosion of accountability aided by social media in a policy confusion which now appears to be rather deliberate from the part of the powers that be as suits them better, to weave in social stories that can be beneficial electorally — the social, moral, legal, and if not criminal, standpoint of such a base discourse perpetuated online is a different story.

A recent investigative report about 'Indian hackers for hire' at home and abroad is a testimony to the policy blur in tech regulation and its criminal spillover affecting societal checks and balances — Indian hackers told British journalists, who were posing as former MI6 agents-turned-private investigators looking to recruit hackers, that they think they will never get caught hacking because 'police in India did not understand these things'. There you have it — how the global south was shortchanged by 'tech' slapped without forethought, especially of the social kind.

Flyover to rail terminal needs funding

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for funds availability. We are still working on it. The flyover may not be completed this year," a senior BBMP official told BM.

Sir MV Terminal was built at a cost of Rs 314 crore with state of the art amenities for rail passengers. After more than a year of completion, the terminal was inaugurated in June 2022. Meanwhile, the flyover was envisioned keeping in mind the terminal's daily footfalls at full capacity. The flyover has been planned to link railway lines, suburban rail, and elevated flyover traffic with minimal land acquisition.

Citizens BM spoke to said the traffic in the area has gotten worse ever since the opening of the new terminal. Rajashekhar, a resident, said it takes almost 15-20 minutes for vehicles to pass through the stretch.

"At the eastern part of the terminal, for commuters coming from Banaswadi or Lingarajapuram, there are only two connecting roads. One connects Banaswadi to Frazer town and the other connects Lingarajapuram to the Bengaluru East railway

station. With the advent of the terminal, a considerable number of passengers are coming to board the train. The IOC flyover, however, has been built unsuitably leading to bottlenecks. Pile-up of traffic is leading to delays for passengers boarding the train as well as the traffic going towards Frazer town," he added.

Rajashekhar added that BBMP should look at adding a wing to the existing flyover before going ahead with the elevated rotary flyover. Another resident using the stretch to commute to work shifted to the metro due to traffic congestion.

"I have stopped travelling by the stretch owing to traffic congestion and have shifted to Metro commute. Even in the morning, it would take about 30 minutes to just cross that stretch. The road in front of Sir MV Terminal is in bad shape due to pot-holes. We have been asking the BBMP to fix the stretch for a long time now. Another issue is that auto-drivers waiting for passengers park their vehicles haphazardly. There is also a lot of pile-up in the adjacent roads around the terminal," said Bobby, a resident of OMBR Layout.

Parked vehicles obstruct footpath work

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He said he wanted to engage workers at night to expedite the completion of the work but is afraid of residents complaining to police as it would affect their sleep.

Many residents and motorists want the BBMP to ensure the ongoing work is completed on time. They said the traffic police have to take measures to avoid parking on both sides of the road.

"I am very happy with the ongoing developmental works but the BBMP should not delay completion of this work on one or the other pretext. Continued delay results in escalation of cost and causes inconvenience to pedestrians. I want the BBMP to commence asphaltting work as soon as the footpaths are completed," said Raju N, a resident.

Sumana BK of Fabric Spa expressed concern over the haphazard parking of vehicles, She said she is content with the ongoing works on the Railway Parallel Road.

"Now, footpaths have become pedestrian friendly. There is a lot to improve. I want the BBMP to take measures to ensure quality of work



and complete the work on time. There should be no hurdles for the contractor to complete the ongoing work," said Sumana.

S Ganesh, a resident, demanded that the BBMP must complete the work on time. He reiterated that the contractor should ensure quality in the work. "There are many potholes on this road. I want the BBMP to asphalt this road as early as possible for the benefit of thousands of motorists," said Ganesh.

Meanwhile, BBMP engineer-in-chief BS Prahalad said he was aware of the haphazard parking of vehicles

on the Railway Parallel Road.

"It will be difficult to carry out development of footpaths if vehicles are parked on both sides of the road. The general public blame the BBMP for the delay without knowing the issues that are hampering the progress of works. I will discuss with traffic police to ensure parking of vehicles only on one side of the road to ensure smooth movement of vehicles while completing the development of footpaths," said Prahalad, adding that efforts would be made to complete the ongoing works on time.

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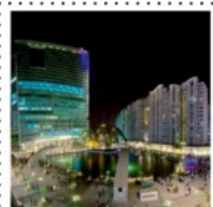
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B'luru airport now second largest in the country: Bommai

'City has grown thanks to vision of Kempegowda'

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday said with the inauguration of Terminal 2, Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIAL) has become the second largest airport of the country.

Speaking at a function organised to unveil the 108-feet tall bronze statue of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda -- the founder of Bengaluru -- by Prime Minister Narendra Modi near the airport on Friday, he said the Prime Minister has given two gifts to Karnataka.

"PM Modi flagged off Vande Bharat train and inaugurated second terminal of Bengaluru International Airport, sub-urban train and construction of a port in the coastal region for which the government of Karnataka is indebted to him," he said.

"We have resolved to follow the ideology and thinking of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in the development of Karnataka," he said.

The Chief Minister said "today is a golden letter day in the development of Karnataka" as PM Modi has offered floral tributes to Saint Kanaka Dasa, Maharshi Valmiki and Onake Obavva, and shown respects to the sentiments of Kannadigas.



Newly built flyover to reach terminals 1 and 2 at Kempegowda International Airport

Bommai said Nadaprabhu Kempegowda and rulers of Vijayanagar kingdom had shown the golden period to villages around Bengaluru.

"Today, this city has grown as an international city thanks to the vision of Kempegowda who ensured planned development with a number of tanks and opening the markets for every profession. "By doing it, he provided a peaceful life for people. Showing respect to Kempegowda is like showing honour to the culture, heritage and progressive thinking of the state. While there is a statue of unity in Gujarat, the statue of prosperity dedicated to Nadaprabhu Kempegowda was unveiled today," he said.

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4 pillars of T2

The four guiding principles that have influenced the design and architecture of the new Terminal T2 of Kempegowda International Airport terminal are a garden, sustainability, technology, and art and culture.

Officials said that Terminal 2 is designed as a tribute to the Garden City of Bengaluru and the passenger experience is meant to be a "walk in the garden". Passengers will travel

through 10,000+ sq mt of green walls, hanging gardens and outdoor gardens and these gardens are made in India using indigenous technology.

The scale of T2 and the insightful design provides passengers with an experience unlike any other. With 90 counters, T2 aims to ensure faster check-ins, and the security check areas are equally easy to navigate. The two-level domestic and international retail and lounge areas are structured to provide scenic views of the greenery within and outside the building.

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Modi sounds poll bugle already

According to PM, double-engine government in Karnataka is working just fine

#Bengaluru

As Karnataka goes to polls next year, the poll bugle was blown on Friday with the Prime Minister saying that the 'double engine' government is working well in the State. During the previous State elections, Narendra Modi who was touring the State pitched for a double engine government where the Centre and State could work in tandem for developing the State.

However, in the last four plus years, the opposition parties have targeted the BJP government alleging that the double engine government has failed to deliver. So, Modi made it a point on Friday to say that the double engine government is 'indeed working'.

PM Modi had a busy day in the city on Friday. He unveiled the 108-foot tall statue of the city's founder Nadaprabhu Kempegowda.

With the installation of the statue ahead of the Assembly polls next year, a competition of sorts seems to have erupted between political parties to claim credit for the legacy of Kempegowda, aimed at garnering electoral support from the politically dominant Vokkaliga community. Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah had earlier said the Congress government led by him was the one which had first planned to install the statue of Kempegowda at the airport.

Remarking on India's identity in the world of startups, the Prime Minister said that Bengaluru plays a pivotal role in defining this identity. "Bengaluru is a representation of the startup spirit of India, and it is this spirit that makes the country



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates Terminal 2 of Kempegowda International Airport; Narendra Modi also flagged off the Vande Bharat Express train at KSR City Railway station

stand out from the rest of the world. Friday's programme is a reflection of the youthful spirit of Bengaluru," the PM said. — BMB

Say statue

The Kempegowda statue unveiled by Modi has already entered the book of records as it is the first and the tallest bronze statue of a founder of a city. The statue weighs 218 tonnes (98 tonnes of bronze and 120 tonnes of steel) and the sword alone weighs four tonnes. A 23-acre heritage theme park has been created in front of the statue. The project cost Rs 84 crore. Precursor to the launch, 'Mruthike' (sacred mud) was collected from over 22,000 locations across the state that was mixed symbolically with the mud beneath one of the four towers of the statue.

Modi chant

As Modi's convoy entered the City roads, supporters started chanting "Modi Modi". Bowing to the pressure of supporters, PM stopped his car and waved at enthusiastic groups of party workers and supporters near the office of Karnataka Public Service Commission. Standing on the 'running board' of his car, Modi greeted the crowd, many of whom were seen chanting 'Modi, Modi' slogans and holding aloft BJP flags. Later, after flying out of City, Modi tweeted, "Thank you Bengaluru for the memorable welcome to this dynamic city".

Jamaluru

While the key roads were blocked for VVIP movement, the vehicle users were struck waiting for clearance. In many of the CBD roads, traffic was blocked for a long time till the VVIP convoys passed by. Even when the traffic was allowed, it took a lot of time in clearing the traffic as the vehicular density was quite higher.

The traffic cops who were blocking the traffic were at the receiving end of the motorists' wrath. Many motorists ended up arguing with police who were doing their duty. Some of them even tried to honk continuously asking cops to give way.

Food for 3 lakh

It was a big day for chefs as they had to prepare food for 3 lakh people. More than 120 counters were set up. The morning breakfast menu for the attendees of the PM meeting was tomato bath and a sweet dish. For the afternoon, pulao, curd rice and wheat kheer was served. An

organiser said that they were taking extra care that food could be served to everyone. Around 3,000 chefs and 2,000 volunteers were entrusted with the preparation and serving of food.

Seat belt

Usually VVIPs skip using seat belts when they are seated in the car. However, on Friday, PM Modi set an example that seat belts are not an exception to anyone. PM Modi who was seated in the front row made a point that every time he got into the car, he always wore the seat belt.

Chikki craze

There was a great demand for chikkis on Friday. The organisers were distributing chikkis to the supporters. But, suddenly the demand soared so much that hundreds moved towards the truck where chikkis were distributed. The organisers tried to request the public to come in line but no one cared. The police had a tough time regulating the crowd at Bhuvanahalli gate.

PSI recruitment scam: ED intensifies probe

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has intensified its probe into Karnataka Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) Recruitment 2021 scam based on some incriminating documents and electronic gadgets recovered during its recent mega search conducted in Bengaluru and Patiala, sources said.

The documents were seized during ED's search operation carried out under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at 11 locations in Bengaluru and Patiala on November 10 including residential premises of Amrit Paul, IPS (the then ADG recruitment cell) and other various government officials and private persons involved in PSI Recruitment 2021 scam. The agency, in a statement, said it seized "incriminating records and electronic gadgets" during the search operation.



File photo of a protest by PSI exam candidates in Bengaluru

The Karnataka Police Recruitment Cell conducted an examination for filling up 545 vacancies of Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) in the Karnataka Police Department in the year 2021. After the results were out, the agency said, there were allegations of cheating, and corrupt practices in the said examination,

due to which the Government of Karnataka ordered for investigation into the matter. Based on the same, various FIRs were registered against candidates, middlemen and police officials involved in the irregularities observed in the PSI Recruitment Examination, 2021 in Bangalore and Kalaburagi which were later

transferred to CID for investigation. CID, Bengaluru had conducted searches at various premises and has arrested Amrit Paul, IPS and around 100 other persons in this case.

During the CID probe, it was observed that there was tampering with the OMR sheet in the strong room of the Recruitment Cell at CID headquarters Carlton House, Bengaluru. Police Officers, in charge of a strong room of the recruitment cell, switched off the CCTV camera at the Strong room, 2-Armed Head Constables entered the strong room and tampered with the OMR sheet. Further, Police officials collected money from candidates to facilitate their selection using illegal means.

Based on the FIRs, ED registered Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) on August 4 this year for alleged money laundering offence. — ANI

Activist murder: HC acquits 12

The High Court has acquitted all the 12 accused in a case relating to the murder of RTI activist and editor of 'Maha Prachanda' newspaper Lingaraju back in 2012 citing lack of corroboratory evidence.

Lingaraju was attacked by three armed men near his house on November 20, 2012 while he was drawing water from a public tap.

His wife Uma Devi, who was with him on that day, filed the complaint and also named Govindaraju, a former BBMP corporator, as a suspect. She alleged Govindaraju suspected Lingaraju's hand in a Lokayukta raid on his house. The charge sheet against accused -- Rangaswamy, R Shankar, Raghavendra, Govindaraju, and wife Gowamma, Chandra, Shankar, Umashankara, Velu, Loganatha, Jaheer and Suresh. — PTI



HEAD HURTS?

Try these tips and tricks before popping that pill



Headaches happen, and you need remedies for headaches - especially home remedies. They can be quite the disruption, impairing one's ability to get any work done or even function as a person. Just imagine you are going about your day as usual, and this sudden twang in the head starts turning into the monster you always fear? Sound familiar?

Worry not, for we have several options for you to try out the next time you get hit. And if you are someone who is adamant about not taking pills unless absolutely necessary, here are a few things you can do instead to help a headache.

Hydrate

The key to your splitting headache may be as simple as a glass of water. Chronic dehydration is a common reason for headaches according to some studies. Being dehydrated can also affect your concentration and increase irritability, making worse the effects of your headache. No need to worry, it is also proven that water can relieve you of the headache as quickly as a half-hour.

TIP: If you are prone to headaches, make sure you are hydrated at all times as a precautionary measure. Drink the upside of 2 litres a day and have foods rich in water.

Ginger Tea

Recently, a study conducted found

that ginger, taken alongside regular, over-the-counter pain meds, eased the pain for people in the emergency room with migraines. Another found that it worked almost as well as prescription migraine meds. Try to take a ginger supplement or brew some ginger tea. You can also massage diluted ginger oil into the temples, forehead, neck and even back.

TIP: If you are stressed, warm ginger tea may also help soothe that, making you feel better overall.

Go For Caffeine

Too much caffeine can actually make your headache worse, but within limits, coffee if taken soon enough after the headache starts, can stop it in its tracks and ease the pain. Do not indulge in too much and make sure you are hydrating post this (as caffeine is a dehydrator), caffeine withdrawal can come with a headache of its own.

TIP: If you are a coffee person, have some decaf coffee, it is generally not completely caffeine-free and might just do the trick for you.

Take A Nap

Lack of sleep is detrimental to health in more ways than one. Not only would you have a headache, but you would also feel exhausted and just not your best. If your headache is caused by a lack of sleep, the only and most potent way to treat it is sleep (shocker!). Moreover,

if your headache is screen-related, if you have been in front of a screen for too long, some rest to the eyes and the brain can work like a charm.

TIP: Take a nap right after you take the caffeine, you can rest while the caffeine works its way into your system, you can wake up with a two-fold defense.

Relax

Stress can be a major cause of headaches. Practicing stress-relieving exercises or activities can help bring down the intensity of a headache. A regular practice of yoga, stretching, breathing exercise or meditation can help reduce headaches, both in frequency and intensity. Incorporating these into your daily routine can have significant effects on your health and how you feel every day.

TIP: Pay special attention to the neck, relieve any tightness present.

Use A Cool Compress

Especially effective on migraines, a cool compress can help alleviate any inflammation. You can use a gel compress, ice cubes wrapped in a towel or a bag of frozen vegeta-

bles. Keep the compress on your head for 15 minutes, and then take a break for 15 minutes. It is thought that cold constricts the blood vessels (a process known as vasoconstriction), possibly creating decreased downstream blood flow and lessening the pain you may feel.

TIP: A cold shower can also have similar effects on the pain.

Hot Compress

Heat compresses work for a tension-based headache. If your muscles are tense, use a heating pad set on low, a hot water bottle, a warm compress or a hot towel and pay attention to the neck, back and shoulders. It is also great for the back of the head. Again, alternate between 15 minutes on and 15 off till you start to feel better. You can also take a hot shower or bath.

TIP: If hopping into a warm shower, try to incorporate essential oils.

Massage Pressure Points

You may already do this instinctively, press the top of your nose or run your neck when you have a headache. A little massage of the worst-hit area or of certain pressure points and points of tension can rid you of your headache. Many people find that massaging the temples, jaw, or neck may help relieve tension and reduce a tension headache that comes from being too stressed. Some other areas to try massaging include the area between the eyebrows and the two spots at the base of the eyebrows on either side of the bridge of the nose. These spots may hold tension from the eyes or head, and massaging them could help relieve this tension.

TIP: There is also a lot of tension between the shoulder blades, addressing that can help your headache.

Aromatherapy

Soothing smells such as lavender have been proven to work on headaches in as little as 15 minutes. Essential oils are not liked by everybody, but experimenting with different intensities and smells such as jasmine, peppermint, etc, can be a good idea for you if your headaches are frequent. They can be diluted to apply to the skin or put in diffusers.

TIP: Avoid strong smells such as perfume or a room freshener, they can worsen the headache.

Relieve Pressure

Make sure you are not wearing a tight-fitting hat or glasses. If your hair is done up in a tight hairstyle, ease it. Massage your scalp. Several studies prove that women who don't tie their hair tightly suffer from fewer headaches. If you tend to clench your jaws, grind your teeth or chew with too much pressure, that could also be a contributor.

TIP: Consider a nightguard if you are a jaw-clencher or a teeth-grinder.

—Yosha Khurana (Femina)

MIND, BODY & HEART



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a woman in my 20s and I live in a flatshare with my boyfriend and his best friend from school. It was meant to be a short-term thing while my boyfriend and I saved up for a deposit to buy our own place. His friend, who's single, was happy to rent a flat with friends.

The arrangement has worked really well for all of us. My boyfriend often works late and sometimes does night shifts, so having his mate around has been good company for me. We often have dinner together and watch a film when my boyfriend is at work and I've got to know him much better. My dilemma is, he came home last week and told us he was moving out. When he told us, I was really shocked by how I felt - like bursting into tears. We've become really close and I'm wondering if I've developed romantic feelings for him. Now I'm confused and don't know whether I should carry on planning stuff with my boyfriend. Please help.

COLEEN SAYS

First of all, don't panic. You don't say how you feel about your boyfriend and whether that relationship is strong, but maybe those are the questions you need to be asking yourself.

In terms of plans, I wouldn't do anything big like buying a flat or getting engaged until you're sure about how you feel. It's probably hard to get clarity on that while this guy is still living with you.

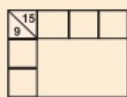
Maybe once he moves out things will become clearer. You'll either realise that it was only this guy's friendship and companionship you were going to miss or that you do have deeper feelings for him. But he's not just any guy, he's your boyfriend's best mate - someone he's known since childhood.

So getting into a relationship with him, even if you do everything above board, is a bad idea.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

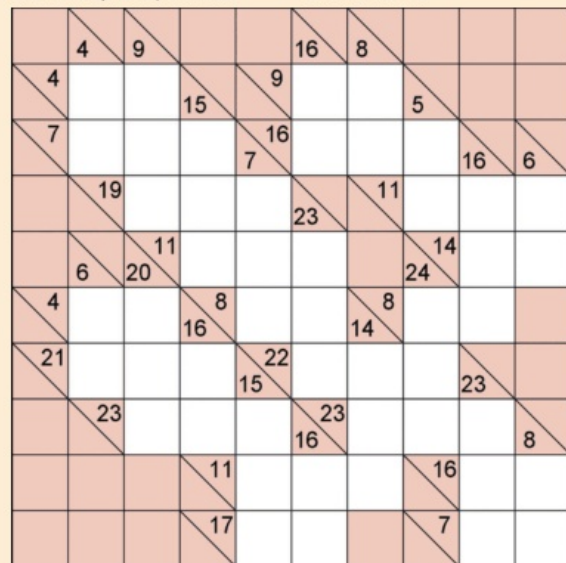
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

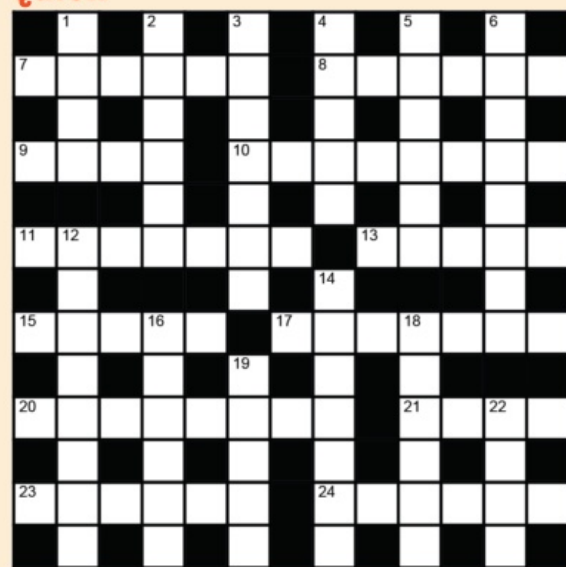


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 7 Insanity (6)
- 8 Tiny bits of bread (6)
- 9 Plaintiff (4)
- 10 Inclined to brag (8)
- 11 Friendly (7)
- 13 Started or commenced (5)
- 15 Stay; remain (5)
- 17 Walks for pleasure? (7)
- 20 Flatter and coax (8)
- 21 Autumn in America (4)
- 23 Park spanning 300 acres in the Cantonment Area (6)
- 24 Small bottle of spirits (6)

DOWN

- 1 South Indian dialect (4)
- 2 Ancient Indian dynasty (6)
- 3 Look at (7)
- 4 Body of water (5)
- 5 Swindle, obtain by force? (6)
- 6 Stubborn and unyielding (8)
- 12 Wonderful (8)
- 14 Striking heavily (7)
- 16 European river (6)
- 18 Confuses or obscures (6)
- 19 Oversized (5)
- 22 Secular; a layman (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: C EQUALS Y
AYAXCKMHOP HN JRALXAX
ZMAO CTB'XA HO RTYA.



Linemaro

Compared to you, the sun feels cold



Mindchow

Apparently there is nothing that cannot happen today



Joke of the day

Never go to bed angry. Stay awake and plot your revenge

Loop

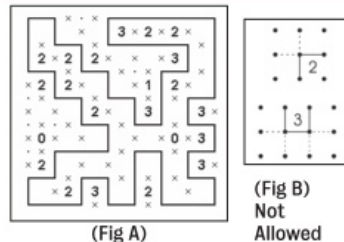
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

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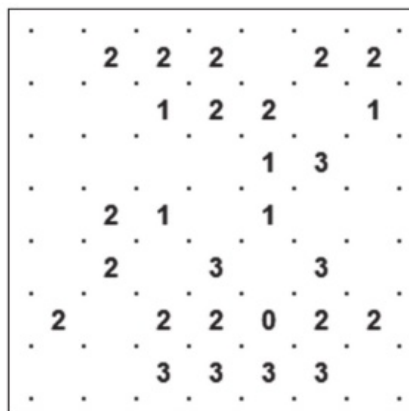
Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

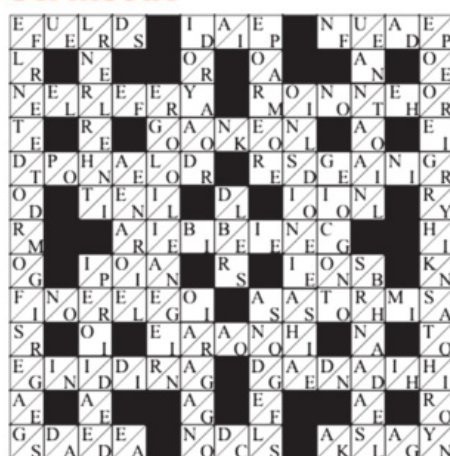


(Fig A)

(Fig B)
Not Allowed



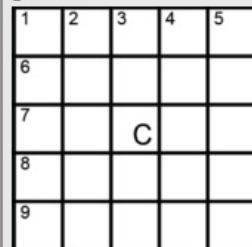
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

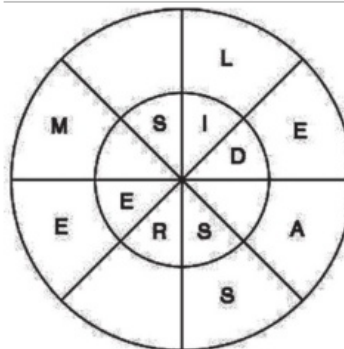
- 1 Lam up; 6 Also a;
- 7 Cum lo; 8 Ocher;
- 9 Pshaw

DOWN

- 1 Low Al; 2 Ohm Co;
- 3 A chap; 4 Purus;
- 5 Salem

Mensapuzzle

Find two words, one reading clockwise round the outer circle, and one reading anticlockwise round the inner circle, which are opposite in meaning. You must provide the missing letters.



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

11 Average; 13 Good; 15 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ = 15

1 2 6 6

Medium

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ = 16

2 3 5 9

Hard

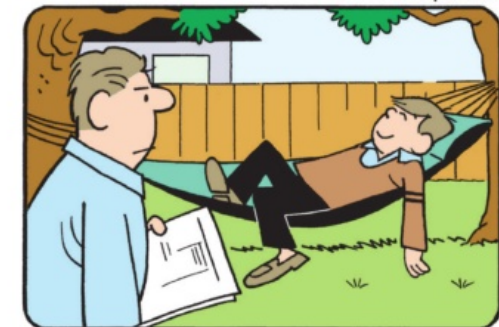
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ = 39

1 6 7 3

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Foot is missing. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. House is not as wide. 5. Leaves are missing. 6. Tree trunk is different.

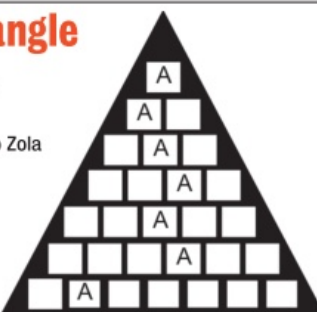
Riddler

What is the next number in the series: 18; 50; 114; 242?

Alpha triangle

- 1 First letter
- 2 Atomic number 18
- 3 Awesome!
- 4 Beloved
- 5 Devours Asimov to Zola
- 6 Is fearful of
- 7 Climbing frames

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



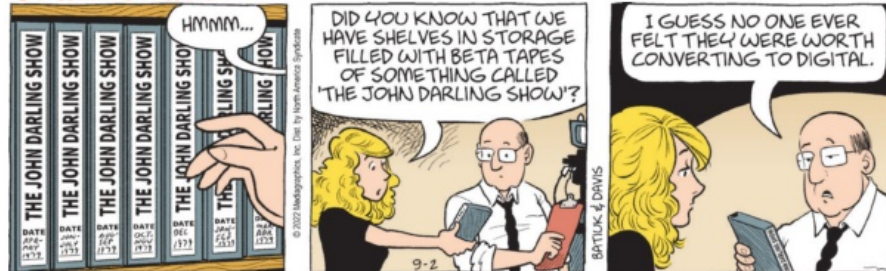
Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you may be busy with domestic issues. You may spend money on buying some artefacts or household items. You are advised to control your expenditure on worthless things, otherwise it may bring negative energy in the house. You are also advised to control your way of speaking with the people around you.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you may do better. Your kids' health is good now. You can plan to make some investments for their future. You are likely to be more loyal towards your job. Jobseekers may find a good job with the help of references. You may be able to find your hidden enemies, and with the help of your judgement, you may counter them.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today you may feel good. Domestic harmony can make you happy. You will meet some influential people to get some benefits on the work front. You are likely to perform well at your job. You may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property may settle down.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, your spiritual power can make you happy. Your way of thinking may be positive. You are inclined to spiritualism today. You may plan to visit some spiritual place. You may also take interest in occult sciences. You are likely to observe flawlessness in your nature. It is advised to keep your views to yourself.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today your mothers' health will be good. You may enjoy it at work. You may get rewards after your hard work. Your social respect may be increased now. Overworking your mind can make you tired. Due to the workload, you may not be able to reach some family events.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today you may be busy with your children and will plan for their future. You are likely to start innovation in partnerships. You may get some investments in your business, which will boost it in the near future. You may also plan for higher studies for grooming your career.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today you may feel nervous. You might feel a lack of patience. For seeking peace, you may be attracted to the occult. It is advised to follow your intuition before going ahead. You may also get deep knowledge on a subject or could have a good focus on research.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today you may be satisfied at work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some spiritual place to maintain your inner peace. Your elders may show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you may find yourself in a state of self-analysis, which will bring some confidence in you. Your focus towards your goals is now clear. You may get success in terms of achieving your goal. Your creativity might improve and you will take an interest in artefacts, movies, and glamour. At the end of the day, you may be satisfied with your life. Your opponents may be under control now.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today your moon is placed in a good position. You can expect some positive momentum in your professional and domestic life. There are likely to be gains in terms of your investments. You may get reciprocation for your favours towards your friends and relatives. Your hard work may pay you in terms of success.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you may feel dull. It is advised to keep your mind cool. Remember to think twice before any act. You may need to travel to recover your money, otherwise you may lose the same. You are also advised to avoid adventure tours. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to get success.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

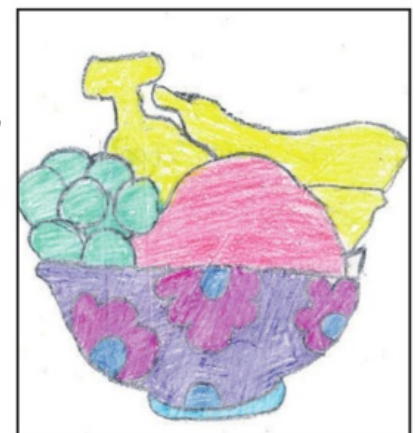
Today you may help needy people around you. New ideas may come into your mind. You are likely to help other people around you. You may also donate to charity. You might be more innovative at work, which may grow your business. Lovebirds may plan for outings or adventure tours.



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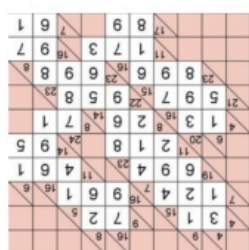
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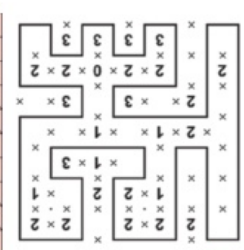
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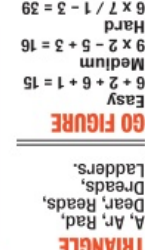
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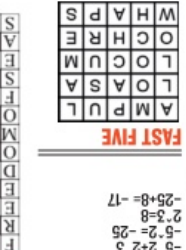
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BULLS' EYE

Power couple

When Ranveer and Deepika step out together, you know who is the boss

Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone are literally serving couple goals each day and no, it's not with mushy pictures with each other. But it's heartwarming to see how they are each other's cheerleaders at every possible occasion. Here's another testament to that!

Deepika and Ranveer attended the Awards show last night but as always, Ranveer stole attention from the crowds. The actor was dressed as his quirky flamboyant self and even danced for the paps. Meanwhile, Deepika who looked like a boss lady in red allowed him to take all the attention and stood in a corner staring at him and smiling.

Deepika reaction to Ranveer in this video is winning the internet! The couple also then posed together for the paps. Deepika announced the launch of her self-care brand yesterday and Ranveer is a proud husband. He commented on her post and wrote, "So proud of what you've created, baby shine on!"

On the work front, Ranveer will be seen next in 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani' meanwhile, fans are awaiting to see Deepika in 'Pathaan' along with Shah Rukh Khan. The director has said this is perhaps her hottest and coolest avatar and her chemistry with SRK remains a major USP of the film.

— ETimes



'Being lonely is a boon & curse'

Actress Aahana Kumra is all set to be seen in Madhur Bhandarkar's anthology film India Lockdown and she is quite excited about it.

Aahana is all praise for her director. She raves, "He is a very collaborative director and truly a feminist. The way he is with women and the way he makes

them feel comfortable on his sets is absolutely incredible..."

The story is set in the backdrop of covid induced lockdown in India and coincidentally she even shot for it during the lockdown. "I play a pilot in the film who has a luxurious life on her own but she gets very lonely during the lockdown as she realizes that what she has surrounded herself with is not permanent," she informs, adding that her character is a very happy-go-lucky person but the loneliness of the lockdown makes her realise something new about herself. "A lot in this film is about internalizing the emotions of the theme and thankfully, we have all been in the lockdown, loneliness being a big part of it. Being lonely is a boon and a curse, which I experienced during the lockdown as well as the shoot of the film," she concluded.

— ETimes



Love, lust and vengeance



HUBBALLI DHABA

3.0 RATING ★★★★★

• **DIRECTOR** Srinivas Raju
• **ACTORS** Naveen Chandra, Divya Pillai, Ananya Raj, Naina Ganguly, Ravi Shankar, Raja Raveendra
• **CERTIFICATION** A
• **Duration** 126 minutes

The movie begins with Michael (Ayyappa P Sharma), a drug peddler, acting tough on some of his followers for betraying him. The next scene is Chalapathi (Ravi Shankar), a police inspector, punishing a few people caught for smuggling drugs. Meanwhile, Raja (Raja Ravindra), a police inspector, informs Chalapathi about a murder and sends a few photos of the murder scene. Chalapathi asks Raja to come to Hubballi Dhaba along with Eswar (Naveen Chandra), the murder accused.

At this point, the director shifts the time frame. We reach an ashram called Paradise where a concoction is administered to all inside to put them in a trance. Eswar tells Chalapathi how he met Julia alias Lizzy (Ananya Raj) at Paradise and how he was compelled by his mother to marry niece Devi (Divya Pillai) and how Lizzy comes to his home and tries to blackmail him. What happens to the Eswar and Dandupalya gang is what the story is about.

Director Srinivas Raju has ensured that the screenplay is crisp. Raju tries to show how love leads to lust and lust leads to vengeance. The scene of Paradise where the inmates are advised to forget about their past and live in the present is well picturised. The scenes between Naveen Chandra and Ananya Raj are bold and beautiful. The director deserves a pat on the back for selecting such a bold girl to play

this role. Divya looks glamorous and acts well as an affectionate wife who goes to any extent to save her husband.

Ravi Shankar is at his best as a vicious and ruthless police officer who specialises in using the choicest of swear words. Pooja Gandhi as Lakshmi has acted well. The scene where she indulges in fisticuffs is a treat to watch. Makarand Deshpande and Ravi Kale provide good support. Pruthviraj, as a sexologist, provides the much-needed comedy in this serious movie meant for adults only. His dialogue delivery and body language are a treat to watch. Telugu actor Nagababu plays a brief role; Telugu TV show Jabardasth actors Getup Seenu and Auto Ramprasad are sidekicks to Naveen Chandra. A scene between Auto Ramprasad and a sex worker tickles the funny bones. An item song by Naina Ganguly has been thrown in as an added attraction.

Those who have seen the entire version of Dandupalya will enjoy the film more. The film is laden with gory scenes so those who have an aversion to blood and gore please consider yourself warned.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Viola: Skin colour put limitations on career

Actress Viola Davis' said that her career was "limited" by her skin colour in the early days and believes there is a "lack" of stories for black women to tell.

The 57-year-old actress started out in the industry in the late 1990s and explained that there is a "deficit" of stories about black women and often found herself playing supporting characters because Hollywood has failed to "dig deep" into her culture, reports femlefirst.co.uk.

She said: "There is a deficit of stories that women of colour are able to access in Hollywood. When

I started off as an actor, the scope of what I wanted to do was infinite. It was definitely a big blow to see the limitations put on me in my career."

"You're just there to give the white lead advice, to be the sage, to be the nurturer. There is a lack of really digging deep into who we are."

— IANS

